



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update
November 2006**

Committee Name: Health Benefits **Facilitator/Chair:** Cheryl Prescott/Wendy Benz

Priority Strategy(ies) and Status: For each Strategy the Committee is currently working on, identify the key actions completed or currently in process:

Objective 1.

- Assess adequacy of insurance coverage for children with special health care needs.
- The grantee was able to assist the State in improving access to adequate health insurance coverage by:
 - decreasing the number of cyshcn without insurance.
 - increasing the number cyshcn with access to insurance that meets their needs; and/or
 - improving the financing and reimbursement of services needed by cyshcn.
- The grantee was able to assist the State in implementing activities statewide.

Actions underway and / or complete:

- Committee members were requested to bring examples of systemic issues such as gaps in coverage or limitations that could possibly be resolved by the committee for the next meeting.
- The committee has obtained potential data sources and will discuss the data needs at the next meeting.

Opportunities for integration:

- We will be reviewing and discussing these issues at the next meeting.

Barriers identified:

- HIPPA and FERPA laws will limit the specificity of available data. We will only be able to get data in summary format.
- There are limitations to the extent that we can change private insurance carrier policy.

Support needed:

Recommendations to the Task Force:

- None at this time